

Brigadier General Alfred D. Starbird, USA  
Director of Military Application  
Room 8371, Headquarters  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Germantown, Maryland

Dear General Starbird:

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25X1A6a I have been advised by [REDACTED] of my staff of the helpful assistance provided [REDACTED] F, your deputy, at a meeting last week in [REDACTED] to discuss financial and support arrangements between our [REDACTED] staff, [REDACTED] and the AEC Branch in that city. 25X1A6a

25X1A2g In particular, it is gratifying to learn that the intricacies of our support agreement are now fully understood by all affected parties, and that our activities in the [REDACTED] can proceed without undue aggravation to your normal IBM business. 25X1A6a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] tells me that one matter brought up at the [REDACTED] meeting requires further clarification on our part, and that is the question of our occasional resort to sole source or limited procurement of hardware for our capital assets in [REDACTED]. By virtue of the peculiar operational requirements of our Project at [REDACTED] because of the high degree of security necessarily surrounding its technical aspects, and due to the need to maintain a tight schedule against major deadlines, occasions will arise when sole source or limited procurement of capital assets obtained normally through [REDACTED] will be justifiable. On these occasions we will wish to come to [REDACTED] and your [REDACTED] office with the particular piece of equipment and the manufacturer already pinpointed, or with the field narrowed down to such a point that we might wish to limit competitive bidding to a very few previously identified concerns. 25X1A6a

25X1A5a2 I wish to assure you that we will not resort to this practice except in those instances where we have thoroughly researched the alternatives and have decided that our major purpose must be served in this manner. In these 25X1A5a2

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instances, we will notify our Project Manager at [REDACTED] that he is authorized to certify to the ABC that sole source or limited bidding is necessary. You may be assured that as a further safeguard your office will be simultaneously advised in writing by my staff and justification and background material will be retained in our files for each such certification, and we will be prepared to defend the action you take on our behalf with the proper Governmental entities should the occasion arise.

Sincerely yours,

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[REDACTED]  
Colonel, USAF

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